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SUB: TEXT OF TROOP PULLBACK ANNOUNCEMENT

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT ISSUED BY SOUTH AFRICAN
MINISTER OF DEFENCE, P.W.BOTHA, EVENING MARCH 12
ANNOUNCING PULLBACK OF TROOPS TO AREA PROTECTING
CALUEQUE AND RUACANA SITES AND TWO REFUGEE CAMPS WITHIN
ANGOLAN TERRITORY. WEEKEND PRESS DID NOT PROVIDE FURTHER
DETAILS ON THIS PARTIAL WITHDRAWAL.

'ALL THE REFUGEES IN SOUTHERN ANGOLA WHOM THE
PORTUGUESE FOUND ACCEPTABLE FOR REPATRIATION TO PORTUGAL
HAVE NOW BEEN TRANSPORTED OUT OF ANGOLA.

'THE REMAINING REFUGEES WHO STAYED IN THE FOUR
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CENTRES, CHITADO, PEREIRA D'ECA, CUANGAR AND CALAI, ARE

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NOW GATHERED IN CUANGAR AND CALAI, NEAR THE SOUTH WEST
AFRICA-ANGOLA BORDER.

'HERE THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS IS CARING FOR
THE REFUGEES WHILE THE SOUTH AFRICAN DEFENCE FORCE IS
ASSISTING WITH MEDICAL TREATMENT AND FOOD SUPPLIES.

'THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS IS TRYING TO FIND A
SOLUTION WITH REGARD TO THESE REFUGEES WITHIN A COUPLE
OF WEEKS.

'WITH THE REFUGEE RESPONSIBILITY IN PEREIRA D'ECA CARRIED
OUT WITHOUT ANY INTERFERENCE THE SOUTH AFRICA FORCES,WITH THE
EXCEPTION OF ELEMENTS AT CALUEQUE AND RUACANA,NOW
FIND THEMSELVES SOUTH OF THE BORDER.

'RSA FORCES ARE STILL PROTECTING THE WORKERS AT
CALUEQUE AND RUACANA AND ENSURING THAT THE WORK CONTINUES
UNTIL SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE TO MAINTAIN
ORDER THERE.
'OBVIOUSLY THE SOUTH AFRUCAN DEFENCE FORCE IS STILL
POSITIONED FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE SOUTH WEST AFRICA
BORDER.'

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